

REMARKS

Claims 59 – 62, 78, 79 and 81 – 88 are pending herein.

1. Claim 79 was objected to for informalities. The amendments herein to claim 79 attend to this issue.

2. Claims 59 and 60 were rejected under § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to attend to this issue as well, deleting original recitation of “light color” in the preambles of claims 59 and 61.

3. Claim 78 was rejected under § 102(b) over JP ‘937. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 78 has been amended herein to incorporate the various resistivity modifier species recited in claim 79. In this respect, JP ‘937 discloses a zirconia ball bearing doped with a carbide to modify conductivity of the zirconia base material. JP ‘937 nowhere discloses (or even remotely suggests) the resistivity modifiers as claimed in the context of the claimed invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection over JP ‘937 is respectfully requested.

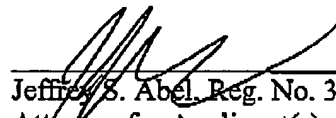
4. The indication of allowable subject matter in connection with claims 59 – 62, 79 and 81 – 88 is acknowledged and appreciated by Applicants. Applicants submit that the amendments herein to the present claims render all claims allowable. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a formal Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants undersigned Attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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